

I respectfully disagree with NAB petition 04-160 to limit the type of programming available on XM radio. Last year, my husband and I took the plunge into XM radio because the local radio stations were filled with drivel and lousy music. What a difference a year makes. We get thought provoking talk shows with intelligent conversation both right and left, great music of all kinds, weather, sports and comedy entertainment. Soooooo much different than the 10 Christian music stations, 2 bad rock stations and 100's of country stations around here.

We used to listen to local radio but gave it up as every jazz station was closed down, all the talk shows became Rush Limbaugh or some vile sports reporter or the rock stations became canned music that you can here over and over again.

The one thing that was missing until March was local travel and weather information. Although it is not available in our area yet, we have used it when we travel out of state. I guarantee you that we will not be switching back to local over the air radio because the quality on XM is just so much higher. So why when we are paying for it should you restrict XM from giving us traffic and weather? Because the fat cats at the local (Ha--really the folks from San Antonio at Clear Channel) stations are afraid of losing listeners. In our case, they already have and we won't go back.

Please do not approve NAB petition 04-160